a frame having a top member, a bottom member and a plurality of legs extending therebetween, the legs configured for being movable between an erected position for spacing the top member above the bottom member to support a product placed on the rack and a collapsed position for collapsing and reducing the size of the rack container for return;

the legs being hinged along their respective lengths for being folded into the collapsed position;

a dunnage structure supported by the frame for receiving a product placed on the rack for shipment when the legs are in an erected position;

the dunnage structure operable for relaxing when the legs are in a collapsed position such that the dunnage structure is generally positioned on the reduced size rack structure for return;

the dunnage structure movably coupled to the frame and operable for being moved with respect to said erected frame to vary the position of the dunnage structure and the received product within the container;

whereby the rack provides reusable dunnage which is usable with the container when it is shipped and subsequently remains with the container when it is returned for being reused when the container is again shipped.

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(New) A reusable and returnable rack container for supporting a product thereon during shipment and subsequently being returned generally empty of product for reuse comprising:

a frame having a top member, a bottom member and a plurality of legs extending therebetween, the legs configured for being movable between an erected position for spacing the top member above the bottom member to support a product placed on the rack and a collapsed position for collapsing and reducing the size of the rack container for return;

the legs comprising telescoping sections operable to telescope the length of the leg between the erected and collapsed positions;

a dunnage structure supported by the frame for receiving a product placed on the rack for shipment when the legs are in an erected position;

the dunnage structure operable for relaxing when the legs are in a collapsed position such that the dunnage structure is generally positioned on the reduced size rack structure for return;

the dunnage structure movably coupled to the frame and operable for being moved with respect to said erected frame to vary the position of the dunnage structure and the received product within the container;

whereby the rack provides reusable dunnage which is usable with the container when it is shipped and subsequently remains with the container when it is returned for being reused when the container is again shipped.





(New) The rack container of claim 40 further comprising a support structure coupled to the top member to span across the frame when the legs are in an erected position and support the dunnage structure.

12.42.(New) The rack container of claim 40 wherein the legs extend generally vertically between the top and bottom members, to space the top member above the bottom member.

The rack container of claim 41 wherein the dunnage structure is suspended from the support structure to hang down from the frame when the legs are in an erected position.

44.(New) The rack container of claim 40 wherein the dunnage structure is a pouch for holding the product.

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The rack container of claim 44 wherein the pouch is pliable to relax when the legs are collapsed to fit within the reduced size rack.

48. (New) The rack container of claim 40 further comprising a rail element coupled to the frame, the dunnage structure being coupled to the rail element.

